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SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY: My question relates to the Stanley Hospital.

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY: No, Sir.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM: Is it not a fact that one Dr. Natarajan, Honorary Junior Surgeon, was sent abroad for further studies at the cost of the Government?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY: Not so far as I know, Sir.

Burial ground for Muslims at Kozhikode

* 93 *Q.*—SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state with reference to the answer given to supplementary question on starred question No. 2187 on the 22nd August 1955—

(*a*) whether the Collector of Malabar has since received the report of the Revenue Divisional Officer, Kozhikode, about the alternative site for the burial ground for Muslims; and

(*b*) if so, whether the burial ground has been now provided?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY: (*a*) & (*b*) Yes, Sir.

Starting of paper mills

* 94 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have finalized the proposal to start paper mills in this State; and

(*b*) if so, the amount allotted for the same?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY: May I know whether any steps have been taken by this Government to expedite the establishment of paper mills in this State and if so what they are?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: Sir, the establishment of a paper mill is not such an easy thing. We have to go into so many questions. Recently, we invited the Industrial Adviser to the Government of India and had a Conference at Ootacamund with the experts. We found that in order to establish a big newsprint factory, we require a lot of wattle and bluegum and the production of wattle and bluegum, which are now available in Kodaikanal and Nilgiris Hills, has to be stepped up. The Government have taken steps in the direction. It will take some time. Anyway, the matter is under consideration and examination. That will go to the public sector when it is ready. So far as the manufacture of writing paper from out of bamboo and other materials is concerned under the Plan of the Government of India, that will go to the private sector. Therefore, we have invited

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the private sector to undertake this scheme of making paper. Even in Malabar district, necessary examination has been done and the Chief Conservator has arranged for stockmapping the forest areas in that district. His report is awaited. I may, however, state that a mere report will not produce a factory. Private enterprise should come forward to undertake this work.

SRI K. P. GOPALAN : As far as the starting of a paper mill in Malabar is concerned, will the Government take a decision before 1st November?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I can announce that I have taken steps even here and now. But, I want the hon. Member also to take steps and get private enterprise to come forward to undertake this work.

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Did any firm approach the Government for permission to open a mill at Mettur and if so, what has happened to it?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, I do not think there is any specific proposal from anybody so far. If anybody comes forward, we would certainly give him all possible facilities.

DR. K. B. MENON : Is there a proposal from the Birlas to open a paper mill at Nilambur or anywhere in its neighbourhood?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I have no information, Sir.

SRI K. PARTHASARATHY : If private interests are prepared to undertake the work of manufacturing paper from bamboo pulp and other materials in Salem and South Arcot districts, will the Government agree to giving concessions for extraction of these raw materials from the Government forests in Salem, South Arcot, North Arcot districts and Shevroy Hills?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I cannot say now what concessions could be given and what concessions would be asked for. I have already stated that if any private enterprise comes forward to take up this work, the Government will welcome it.

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Where stands the assurance given by the Hon. Minister sometime back with reference to the revival of a paper mill already set up in the Pudukkottai Division?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Even there, I do seek the good offices of the hon. Member to secure some enterprising private concerns who are willing to undertake this work. It is the definite policy of the Planning Commission and the Government of India that the writing paper industry should go only to the private sector.

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Has the Government's attention been drawn to a report by experts that there is every facility available in Malabar for the establishment of a paper mill? If not, will the Government see the report and consider the matter?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: The Government are still making further surveys in the matter. Even now, I can make bold to announce that the Government will extend all facilities for the starting of a peper mill. But, it is for the hon. Members to secure some private enterprise for that purpose.

SRI KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE: May I know whether any private individual or firm from Malabar has applied for permission to establish a paper factory either in Nilambur or Wynaad?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: I do not think there is any specific application for undertaking the paper industry.

SRI S. CHELLAPANDIAN: Have any investigations been made by the Government about opening a paper mill at Papanasam near Ambasamudram and have any private enterprises come forward to start that mill?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: Yes, Sir. There has been an old proposal to make paper from its reeds. The applicant, whose licence has been accepted, has not been able to proceed further in the matter. If any other private enterprise comes forward, the Government will examine the matter.

Amendments to the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947

* 95 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state with refernce to the answer given to supplementary question to question No. 3129 on 27th February 1956— 9-40 a.m.

(*a*) whether the State Government have made any suggestion to the Central Government during 1955-56 to amend the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947; and

(*b*) if so, the details thereof?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY: Sir, on a former occasion the Hon. Minister in reply to a question said that he would suggest to the Central Government to make provision for vesting powers with the Government to go into the accounts of textile mills and other firms in the State when the Industrial Disputes Act was amended. May I know what is the result?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: Sir, before the Industrial Disputes Amending Bill was taken up by Parliament some time back, there was a discussion with the States' Ministers by the Centre and this Government did urge certain provisions to be incorporated in the proposed amending Bill. Since then the amending Bill had been finalized and I think that it had been passed by the Parliament.

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